

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1657–S1721

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 409–419, S. Res. 31–39, and S. Con. Res. 19. **Page S1699**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 31, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S. Res. 32, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. Res. 33, authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

S. Res. 34, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. Res. 35, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 36, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 37, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

S. Res. 38, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration. **Page S1698**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Dale Earnhardt: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 29, honoring Dale Earnhardt and expressing condolences of the United States Senate to his family on his death, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1719–20**

Recognizing Peace Corps Achievements: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 18, recognizing the achievements and contributions of the Peace Corps over the past 40 years, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1720**

Committee Budgets/Rules of Procedure—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that in accordance with the provisions of S. Res. 189 of the 106th Congress, there be authorized for the period of March 1 through March 10, 2001 funds for the expenses of each of the Standing

Committees of the Senate, the Special Committee on Aging, the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on Indian Affairs, and such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions related to the compensation of the employees of such committees for the above described period, to be paid from the appropriations account for “Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations” of the Senate. Further, the such sums be $\frac{1}{15}$ of the amount provided the committee under S. Res. 189 for the period October 1 through February 28, 2001. Further, that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, for purposes of the 107th Congress, the publication date for Committee Rules shall not be later than March 10, 2001. **Page S1719**

Appointments:

Joint Committee on Taxation: The Chair, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Murkowski, Baucus, and Rockefeller. **Page S1719**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, a report entitled “A Blueprint for New Beginnings: A Responsible Budget for America’s Priorities”; to the Committees on Appropriations; and Budget. (PM–8) **Pages S1696–97**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 14), John M. Duncan, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Bill Frist, of Tennessee, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Paul D. Wolfowitz, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. 7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S1675–76, S1718–19, S1721**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David Aufhauser, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

John M. Duncan, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—14) Page S1676

Adjournment: Senate met at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 1, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1721.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 31) requesting \$1,794,378 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$3,181,922 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$1,360,530 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness: Senators Roberts (Chairman), Helms, Cochran, Fitzgerald, McConnell, Conrad (Ranking Member), Daschle, Baucus, Lincoln, and Miller.

Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion: Senators Fitzgerald (Chairman), Helms, Cochran, Roberts, Thomas, Baucus (Ranking Member), Leahy, Conrad, Nelson, and Dayton.

Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization: Senators Crapo (Chairman), McConnell,

Thomas, Allard, Hutchinson, Lincoln (Ranking Member), Leahy, Daschle, Stabenow, and Dayton.

Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation: Senators McConnell (Chairman), Allard, Hutchinson, Crapo, Helms, Leahy (Ranking Member), Conrad, Miller, Stabenow, and Benjamin Nelson.

FARM BILL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings to examine statutes of conservation programs in the current farm bill, including Conservation Reserve Program, Emergency Conservation Program, Pasture Recovery Program, and Debt for Nature, receiving testimony from Katherine R. Smith, Director, Resource Economics Division, Economic Research Service, Thomas A. Weber, Deputy Chief for Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Robert Stephenson, Director, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, Farm Service Agency, all of the Department of Agriculture; and Jeffrey A. Zinn, Senior Analyst in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain Department of Defense medical programs, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, Surgeon General, and Brig. Gen. William T. Bester, Chief, Army Nurse Corps, both of the United States Army; Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, Medical Corps, Surgeon General, and Rear Adm. Kathleen L. Martin, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, both of the United States Navy; Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, Surgeon General, and Brig. Gen. Barbara C. Brannon, Director of Nursing Services, Office of the Surgeon General, both of the Department of the Air Force.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 38) requesting \$3,301,692 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$5,859,150 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$2,506,642 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Santorum (Chairman), Inhofe, Roberts, Hutchinson, Sessions, Bunning, Lieberman (Ranking Member), Cleland, Bill Nelson, Benjamin Nelson, Carnahan, and Dayton.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Roberts (Chairman), Bob Smith, Santorum, Allard, Hutchinson, Collins, Landrieu (Ranking Member), Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Bill Nelson, and Dayton.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Hutchinson (Chairman), Thurmond, McCain, Allard, Collins, Cleland (Ranking Member), Kennedy, Reed, Akaka, and Carnahan.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Inhofe (Chairman), Thurmond, McCain, Santorum, Roberts, Bunning, Akaka (Ranking Member), Byrd, Cleland, Landrieu, Benjamin Nelson, and Dayton.

Subcommittee on SeaPower: Senators Sessions (Chairman), McCain, Bob Smith, Collins, Bunning, Kennedy (Ranking Member), Lieberman, Landrieu, Reed, and Carnahan.

Subcommittee on Strategic: Senators Allard (Chairman), Thurmond, Bob Smith, Inhofe, Sessions, Reed (Ranking Member), Byrd, Akaka, Bill Nelson, and Benjamin Nelson.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Paul D. Wolfowitz, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, and 2,916 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

COMMITTEE BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: On Thursday, February 1, committee approved an original resolution (S. Res.36) requesting \$2,968,783 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$5,265,771 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$2,251,960 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res.34) requesting \$2,318,050 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$4,108,958 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$1,756,412 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Senators Inhofe (Chairman), Warner, Bond, Voinovich, Chafee, Baucus (Ranking Member), Graham, Lieberman, Boxer, and Wyden.

Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety: Senators Voinovich (Chairman), Inhofe, Crapo, Campbell, Lieberman (Ranking Member), Carper, Clinton, and Corzine.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water: Senators Crapo (Chairman), Bond, Warner, Chafee, Campbell, Graham (Ranking Member), Baucus, Wyden, Clinton, and Corzine.

Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment: Senators Chafee (Chairman), Warner, Inhofe, Crapo, Specter, Boxer (Ranking Member), Wyden, Carper, Clinton, and Corzine.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 37) requesting \$3,230,940 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$5,729,572 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$2,449,931 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight: Senators Nickles (Chairman), Lott, Hatch, Thompson, Snowe, Murkowski, Conrad (Ranking Member), Torricelli, Breaux, Bingaman, Lincoln, and Baucus.

Subcommittee on International Trade: Senators Hatch (Chairman), Grassley, Thompson, Murkowski, Gramm, Lott, Jeffords, Snowe, Baucus (Ranking Member), Rockefeller, Daschle, Conrad, Kerry, Lincoln, Graham, and Torricelli.

Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy: Senators Kyl (Chairman), Nickles, Lott, Jeffords, Gramm, Breaux (Ranking Member), Rockefeller, Bingaman, Daschle, and Kerry.

Subcommittee on Health Care: Senators Snowe (Chairwoman), Gramm, Jeffords, Grassley, Kyl, Hatch, Nickles, Thompson, Rockefeller (Ranking Member), Daschle, Bingaman, Kerry, Torricelli, Lincoln, Breaux, and Graham.

Subcommittee on Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction: Senators Murkowski (Chairman), Grassley, Kyl, Graham (Ranking Member), Baucus, and Conrad.

Also, Committee appointed the following members to both the Joint Committee on Taxation, and the Congressional Trade Advisors on Trade Policy

and Negotiations: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Murkowski, Baucus, and Rockefeller.

BUDGET REVENUE PROPOSALS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine certain revenue proposals and tax cuts within the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, receiving testimony from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark A. Weinberger, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy, and John M. Duncan, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the aforementioned nominations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 32) requesting \$2,495,457 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$4,427,295 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$1,893,716 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

STATE DEPARTMENT REFORM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the report of the Independent Task Force cosponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations and the Center for Strategic and International Studies on State Department Reform, after receiving testimony from Frank C. Carlucci, former Secretary of Defense/National Security Adviser, and Thomas E. Donilon, former Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs/State Department Chief of Staff, both on behalf of the Independent Task Force on State Department Reform.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to amend title 11, United States Code, relating to bankruptcy reform.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 35) requesting \$3,895,623 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001

through September 30, 2001, \$6,910,215 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$2,955,379 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aging: Senators Hutchinson (Chairman), Jeffords, Warner, Bond, Roberts, Mikulski (Ranking Member), Dodd, Murray, Edwards, and Clinton.

Subcommittee on Children and Families: Senators Gregg (Chairman), Frist, Warner, Bond, Collins, Dodd (Ranking Member), Bingaman, Wellstone, Murray, and Reed.

Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training: Senators Enzi (Chairman), Jeffords, Gregg, Sessions, Wellstone (Ranking Member), Kennedy, Dodd, and Harkin.

Subcommittee on Public Health: Senators Frist (Chairman), Gregg, Enzi, Hutchinson, Roberts, Collins, Sessions, Kennedy (Ranking Member), Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, Reed, Edwards, and Clinton.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 39) requesting \$1,183,041 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$2,099,802 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$898,454 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution requesting \$1,119,973 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$1,985,266 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$848,624 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

S. 174, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the microloan program;

S. 295, to provide emergency relief to small businesses affected by significant increases in the prices of heating oil, natural gas, propane, and kerosene, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 395, to ensure the independence and non-partisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration; and

S. 396, to provide for national quadrennial summits on small business and State summits on small business, to establish the White House Quadrennial Commission on Small Business.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution requesting \$970,754 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$1,718,989 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$734,239 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to receive the views of the Department of the Interior on issues and matters related to Indian Affairs, after receiving testimony from Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again Wednesday, March 7.

PLAN COLOMBIA

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded hearings to examine the current drug situation in Colombia, focusing on United States efforts to support the implementation of the government of Colombia's plan to deal more effectively with violence, drug trafficking, and general crime and corruption that exists in Colombia, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Donnie R. Marshall, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Gen. Peter Pace, United States Marine Corps, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Robert J. Newberry, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 3, 768–805; 2 private bills, H.R. 806–807; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 23; H. Con. Res. 44–45, and H. Res. 69–74, were introduced. **Pages H505–07**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 71, providing for consideration of H.R. 333, to amend title 11, United States Code (H. Rept. 107–4). **Page H505**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H445**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, the Rev. Ed Schreiber, Brookhaven Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Nashville, Tennessee. **Page H445**

Presidential Message—Budget for America's Priorities: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted his Budget for America's Priorities—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–45). **Page H447**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:39 a.m. and reconvened at 11:46 a.m. **Page H459**

Consideration of Suspension: Agreed that the Speaker be authorized to entertain a motion to suspend the rules relating to H. Res. 54, today. **Page H447**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following suspensions:

Family Farmer Bankruptcy Relief: H.R. 256, to extend for 11 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted (passed by a ye and nay vote of 408 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 17); **Pages H447–49, H459**

Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Allentown, Pennsylvania: H.R. 558, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 West Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (passed by a ye and nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 18); **Pages H449–51, H460**

James C. Corman Federal Building in Van Nuys, California: H.R. 621, to designate the Federal building located at 6230 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the “James C. Corman Federal Building” (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 19);

Pages H451–53, H460–61

Honoring the National Institute of Standards and Technology for a Century of Service: H. Con. Res. 27, honoring the National Institute of Standards and Technology and its employees for 100 years of service to the Nation (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 20);

Pages H453–56, H461

Commending African American Pioneers in Colorado: H. Res. 54, commemorating African American pioneers in Colorado (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 21);

Pages H456–59, H461–62

Appointment of Walter E. Massey to the Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents: The House passed H.J. Res. 19, providing for the appointment of Walter E. Massey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Pages H462–63

Committee Resignations—Committee on Small Business: Read letters from Representatives McCarthy, Moore, and Hinojosa wherein they resigned from the Committee on Small Business. Page H463

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 69, electing Mr. Baird of Washington, Ms. Napolitano of California, Mr. Udall of Colorado, Mr. Acevedo-Vilá of Puerto Rico, Mr. Carson of Oklahoma, and Mr. Ross of Arkansas to the Committee on Small Business. Page H463

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 70, electing Ms. Capito of West Virginia to the Committee on Small Business. Page H468

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H459, H460, H460–61, H461, and H462. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review federal farm commodity programs with the American Farm Bureau Federation. Testimony was heard from Bob Stallman, President, American Farm Bureau Federation.

Hearings continue March 7.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Appropriations: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 90, Know Your Caller Act of 2001; H.R. 496, amended, Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement Act of 2001; H.R. 624, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation; H. Con. Res. 31, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and supporting National Donor Day; H.R. 727, to amend the Consumer Products Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act; H.R. 725, Made in America Information Act; H.R. 724, to authorize appropriations to carry out part B of title I of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, relating to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and H.R. 723, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove an exemption from civil penalties for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions.

NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on National Energy Policy, focusing on natural gas issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Curt Hebert, Jr., Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Elizabeth Campbell, Director, Natural Gas Division, Energy Information Administration; and public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

“SPECIAL EDUCATION—IS IDEA WORKING AS CONGRESS INTENDED?”

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “Special Education—Is IDEA Working as Congress

Intended?" Testimony was heard from Representative Hooley of Oregon; Patricia J. Guard, Acting Director, Office of Special Education Programs, Department of Education; Kevin McDowell, General Counsel, Department of Education, State of Indiana; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on International Broadcasting: Its Mission, Budget and Future. Testimony was heard from Marc B. Nathanson, Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors.

OVERSIGHT—PRESIDENTIAL PARDON POWER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on "The Presidential Pardon Power." Testimony was heard from Margaret Colgate Love, former Pardon Attorney, Department of Justice, 1990–1997; Alan Charles Raul, former Associate Counsel to the President, 1986–1988; and public witnesses.

BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of debate on H.R. 333, Bankruptcy Abuse and Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2001. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill as amended.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides for the authorization for a

motion in the House to go to conference with the Senate on the bill H.R. 333. Testimony was heard from Chairmen Sensenbrenner and Oxley; and Representatives Gekas, Green of Wisconsin, Smith of Michigan, Conyers, Nadler, Scott, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Waters, Delahunt, Schiff and Slaughter.

NATION'S ENERGY FUTURE

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on the Nation's Energy Future: Role of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. Testimony was heard from Mary J. Hutzler, Director, Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Small Business: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

IMPROVING WATER QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Improving Water Quality: State Perspectives on the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Testimony was heard from the following Governors: John Hoeven, State of North Dakota; and John A. Kitzhaber, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Reform. Testimony was heard from Senator Breaux; and public witnesses.

SSA'S PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the SSA's Proposal to Implement Return to Work Legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Joint Meeting: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after receiving testimony from John F. Gwizdak, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 1, 2001**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to continue hearings to examine the statutes of conservation programs in the current farm bill, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing on current military operations, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S.143, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission; proposed legislation requesting funds for the committee's operating expenses, subcommittee assignments, and rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, 11 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the progress of the transition from analog to digital TV, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the anti-drug certification process, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy towards Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the role of United States correspondent banking and offshore banks as vehicles for international money laundering, and the efforts of financial entities, federal regulators, and law enforcement to limit money laundering activities within the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, Fleet Reserve Association, and the Air Force Sergeants Association, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

House

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the President's Budget for fiscal year 2002, 10 a.m., and a hearing on the Department of the Treasury Budget Priorities for fiscal year 2002, 3 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on State Leadership in Education Reform, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on Privacy in the Commercial World, focusing on basic privacy questions, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Patients First: A 21st Century Promise to Ensure Quality and Affordable Health Coverage, focusing on improving patients' access to new technologies in the Medicare program, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to continue hearings on "The Controversial Pardon of International Fugitive Marc Rich- Day Two," 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to consider Committee funding requests, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Conducting Diplomacy in a Global Age, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on the Earthquake in India: the American Response, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 3, Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider pending business, 1:15 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

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